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In re the Patent Application of:

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AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please extend the period for responding to the outstanding Office Action by one month, up to and including January 23, 2004.

In response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as described below:

No Amendments to the Specification have been made in this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

No changes to the original drawings have been made in this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this Amendment.

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